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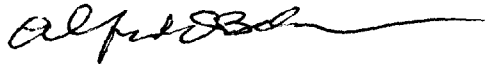
Dr. Dr. Henney:

I am distressed to hear that the FDA is being asked
to take away my right to sign a medical waiver
before purchasing a hearing aid.

Apart from being an unnecessary restriction on
my right to decide what my health needs are, it
is the same as telling me I can no longer buy my
hearing aids by mail order.

Unfortunately, every time the government steps into
our private lives our freedom is diminished.

Sincerely yours,



Alfred D. Balsam

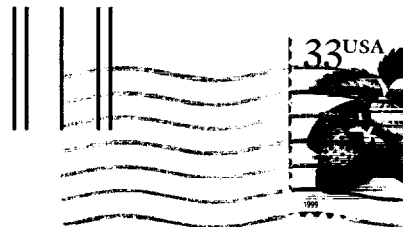
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